

**Marginal Comment**  
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**SIMULTANEOUSLY** with the Korean crisis two British top defence officials have arrived in Washington for top-secret talks with U.S. Defence Secretary Louis Johnson. They are Air Marshal Sir Ralph Cochran and Dr. Richard Cockburn, an atomic scientist. They were sent on direct orders of Prime Minister Attlee, following a Cabinet meeting, to discuss future use of atomic bombs by Britain. From a highly reliable source it is reported that they proposed stockpiling of American atomic bombs in the Azores, in mid-Atlantic. Immediately another proposal is that in case of war British bombers should have the right to drop atomic bombs. There is no objection to leaving the bombs in American hands until a real war breaks out, but after that the R.A.F. wants to participate.

**MEANWHILE**, the U.S. State Department is again urging Britain and the West European members of the Atlantic community to curb their exports to Iron Curtain countries. Britain already has a security list known as "Group 17" of banned exports to Communist areas, but the United States now want to include certain other goods, for instance, duck feathers, because they are used to line bombers' suits, also all ball bearings, including those used in ball-point pens. Non-strategic materials have been exported to Iron Curtain countries in normal trade channels for some time, and West European economists emphasize that it would throw their economy completely out of gear, if these exports were cut off, bringing widespread unemployment, rising prices, and political instability in Western Europe. But U.S. military men take a vigorous view on this trade, and Britain may be willing to include some more items in the "Group 17" list, though final decisions have not yet been made.

**IF Tito** is attacked, he will not appeal for help to the West. He is confident that he can handle any satellite, though he may have to withdraw to the mountains. But in case of direct Soviet attack, he will appeal to the Security Council. An attack on Tito would probably mean the end of Albania, where internal trouble is mounting. It is almost certain that Tito, while warding off the attacks of Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary, would immediately occupy Albania unless the Albanian Government decides to break with the Cominform and join Tito voluntarily. Western diplomatic observers believe that the Albanian Government is only waiting for an opportunity to switch its allegiance from Moscow and Belgrade.

**ONLY** a few weeks ago, Tito sent Moshe Pijade, his right-hand man, to Western Europe. In Paris, Brussels, The Hague and other places Moshe Pijade met many Communists, ex-Communists and fellow-travellers who are disillusioned with the Moscow party line. Pijade found that the prospects for establishing a new international composed of Marxists opposed to Moscow are excellent. Today Titoists exist in practically every country, but there are as yet no national or international organizations of Titoist Communists. But now the time is near where the Stalinist parties everywhere will meet organized Titoist competitors.

**BRITAIN**, the United States and France have decided to postpone new diplomatic action in Moscow concerning the fate of several thousand German prisoners-of-war who have disappeared in the Soviet Union. The action, based on new material supplied by the Bonn Government, was scheduled for last week, but in "present" circumstances it would have meant pouring oil into the flames. About 60,000 German soldiers are now serving with foreign armies, 35,000 of them with the French Foreign Legion, 4,000 in Egypt, 4,000 in Syria, 1,000 with King Abdullah's forces, 800 in Red China, and between 500 and 1,000 with the armies of Bulgaria, Albania, Turkey and some Latin American republics respectively.

**Five Infants Burnt to Death in Kibbutz Fire**

**TIBERIAS**, Saturday. — Five year-old babies were burned alive, at the cooperative workers' village of Arbel, near Tiberias, on Thursday afternoon, when an overturned kerosene stove set fire to the wooden hut that housed the babies' home. The flames spread so rapidly, enveloping the entire hut, that the frantic efforts of the parents to save their children failed. Ignoring all dangers to herself, the nurse, whose son was among the five babies, went into the burning hut and returned, badly burned, with one of the babies, who died soon afterwards, however, at the Schweitzer Hospital here. The condition of the nurse, who was also sent to hospital, is improving.

The five children are: Ran Orenstein, Ehud Slach, Giora Patashnik, Amir Schaefer and Ophra Avital. They were buried at the grief-stricken village the same day. Arbel, which lies near Kfar Hittim, was founded a year ago by ex-soldiers of the Jewish Brigade.

**Gadna Youngsters Get Their Wings**

**TEL AVIV**, Saturday. — Air-maid's wings were presented to 12 Gadna youngsters at the Tel Aviv airfield yesterday, the conclusion of its kind flight course of its kind in Israel. This was the first Gadna group to complete a flight course, and also the first organized group to complete a course under the Aero Club auspices.

The graduation ceremony, attended by high-ranking Air Force officials, Air Club officials and other guests, also marked the tenth anniversary of Club flights. Yesterday's graduates had completed an average of 13 hours flying time, including a few hours solo.

During the three weeks' course, four students were eliminated and those who completed the course have expressed a strong desire to become pilots in the Air Force. All are in the 16 and 17-year-old age groups. A second group of about 30 youngsters have already started on a second course, and a third one is soon to follow.

**Piper Cubs**  
The length of the course is admittedly short, but is considered as offering, during the summer vacations, a basis and incentive for future flying. The Council for Civil Aviation supplied the planes, nine new Piper Cubs, — the Air Force supplied the instructors and most of the maintenance costs, while Gadna contributed the remainder.

**Diplomats Discuss Ties with Diaspora**

The Conference of Israeli Ministers moved on Friday to Jerusalem from Hakirya during the weekend sessions, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharvit, discussed the relations between Israel and the Diaspora. Among the participants was Mr. Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive. Economic and financial questions confronting the State were outlined by the Finance Minister, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan. The security situation was surveyed by the Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben Gurion, and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin. The sessions were held in the Hall of the Jewish Agency Executive and in the Prime Minister's Office.

The Conference will be continued today. On Friday night, a reception was held for the Ministers and their wives at the home in Jerusalem of Mr. Gershon Agmon, Director of the Information Service. The Ministers' representatives of the Government, the Jewish Agency and the Consular Corps.

**Leopold Back in Silent Brussels**

**BRUSSELS**, Saturday (AP). — King Leopold returned to his country today after six years' exile, as he left it in 1944 — under a heavy armed escort.

Today it was Belgian police and army escorts which made the almost deserted streets of Brussels echo to the roar of motor vehicles. Few Belgians actually saw him return, and most of those who did were the 8,000 troops and police ensuring his security. The exact hour of his arrival had been a secret closely guarded from the public. His route did not take him into Brussels, but word quickly spread through the city that the King had come back.

There was not one cheer of welcome, not one handclap heard at the airport. A military band playing music, aircraft and motorcycle engines roaring and a few handshakes were all the welcome Leopold and his two sons, Baudouin and Albert got as they touched Belgian soil after their long exile.

Leopold's heavily armed escort thundered out of the airfield down the double-tracked Boulevard Leopold III. The cavalcade turned sharply into a tree-lined lane, where gendarmes were more numerous than the trees along the way to Laeken Palace.

Half an hour after King Leopold's arrival at his palace the guards of honour had marched away but the area still looked like a wartime military headquarters. Motorcycle and staff cars carrying gendarmes swept to and out at the park gates.

**Bouquets of Flowers**  
By 8.30 a.m. there were several hundred people facing the palace, but the gendarmes still held them at a distance of a hundred yards from the gates. Some held up bouquets of flowers. Shortly afterwards another column of steel-helmeted gendarmes arrived in trucks. The trucks had collapsible shields with riot barriers along their sides.

"If only King Albert could have seen his son's return today," said one of the spectators sadly shaking his head. Later Veteran Socialist ex-Premier Paul Henri Spaak marched at the head of a procession of 2,000 Socialists opposed to King Leopold's return. The demonstration marched through Brussels from Socialist party headquarters to the "Martyrs Square" in the heart of the city. They assembled outside an establishment alleged to be the meeting place of convicted wartime collaborators released from prison.

Other anti-Leopoldists joined the Socialists at this point. They blew whistles, chanted "Leopold to the gallows," "Abdication," sang the Marseillaise, and halted traffic through several important thoroughfares.

About the same time King Leopold, accompanied by his two sons, received representatives of the world press in a flower-decorated drawing room of the Laeken palace. The king shook hands cordially with almost 100 newsmen, asking each whom he represented and exchanging a few courtesies.

**Legislation providing for a 47-hour week in Israel will be introduced to the Knesset this week by the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson. The proposed legislation provides for an eight-hour working day and a seven-hour day on the eve of Sabbath or holidays, as well as conditions for overtime.**

Passage of this legislation would enable Israel to sign international conventions of 1919 and 1920 regarding hours of work in industry and white collar professions respectively, and also a 1921 convention providing for a weekly day of rest in industry.

Another bill on the agenda for this week bans night work in bakeries and its passage would enable Israel to sign a convention adopted in 1928 by the general conference of the International Labour Organisation.

**Capital Punishment**  
The House is also expected this week to hold a general debate on the proposed legislation to suspend capital punishment. This bill was introduced by the Minister of Justice a fortnight ago and is expected to produce an interesting debate, which will cut across Party lines. The bill to ban corporal punishment will come back for a final reading.



King Leopold III

**King Broadcasts Unity Appeal**

**BRUSSELS**, Saturday. — Belgium's two houses of Parliament today heard a message from King Leopold. The King's first official act today on returning to Brussels, was to give the President of the Chamber and the President of the Senate the text of his address to the two Houses.

All nine Socialist Ministers of State resigned today and refused to attend a meeting of the Crown Council called for this afternoon. The Socialist Party sent a telegram to the Prime Minister's Secretary, stating: "The Socialist Ministers of State no longer recognize Leopold III as King of the Belgians."

A message was read by Leopold over the Belgian National Radio network this afternoon in which he addressed to his fellow-countrymen "a solemn appeal to conciliation and urge you not to be misled in sterile and vain disputes. As my predecessors have done you at certain epochs of their reign were cruelly attacked, I will forget the polemics of which I have been the victim, and think only of the future."

The Princess de Rethy, King Leopold's second "commoner" wife who shared his exile, did not come to Brussels today. The Princess, who is expecting a child early next year, will remain at Geneva for at least another month, according to a friend of the Royal family.

**Acheson Urges East German Integration**

**WASHINGTON**, Saturday. — (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dean Acheson said last night that the integration of East Germany with Western Europe was a "matter of urgency."

Asked if he thought the Korean crisis had made such integration more necessary, Mr. Acheson said he thought that it had been "a matter of urgency for a long time."

He added that the American High Commissioner in Germany, Mr. John McCloy, was working on the problem with the French and British High Commissioners.

He also said that those who give aid to the North Korean forces might legally be regarded as having committed an act of aggression themselves.

He said that in law one could be an accessory before or after the fact.

He said it would be unwise for the General Assembly to take up the question of the representation of China or the Security Council. But he added that it could do so, and the final decision did not rest with the U.S.

**Churchill Speaks to United Europe Rally**

**LONDON**, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Winston Churchill yesterday told a United Europe rally that "the Europe we are planning must ultimately unite all European peoples, including the peoples now behind the iron curtain."

"There is no doubt that Communism as an ideology is losing ground in all the countries where free speech is allowed and parliamentary institutions thrive," he told the gathering.

He also welcomed Germany to the movement. "Many of us felt that a European union which did not include Germany was bound to fail," he said. But even with Germany included, "We must never forget that half of Europe still remains outside."

M. Paul Reynaud, ex-prime minister of France, warned the meeting that "Soviet Russia today possesses the strongest army in the world—170 infantry divisions, 35 armoured divisions and 60 artillery divisions."

People might regard Korea as far away, M. Reynaud said. "But I could remind you of what Lenin said in a letter. 'The shortest way from Moscow to Paris leads through Peking, Tokyo and Calcutta.'"

**American Troops Advance on Central and Eastern Fronts**

**Truman Given Power To Hold Servicemen**

**WASHINGTON**, Saturday. — (Reuter). — The Senate today voted President Truman power to hold in the armed services for an extra year all regular servicemen whose terms expire during the next 12 months.

Action was by voice vote. The bill had been submitted only a few hours earlier by the Armed Services Committee, with another bill to remove the present ceilings on the strength of all the armed services.

The House Armed Services Committee also approved two similar bills. House Committee Chairman Carl Vinson said he would call the bills up for consideration on the floor next Tuesday.

Senate Committee action on both bills was unanimous. The House vote on each measure was 18 to one.

Both committees speedily agreed on the enlistment extension after Navy, Army and Air Force officers had said they would probably lose 193,000 trained fighting men during the next year through expiration of voluntary enlistments.

**Bevan Appeals To Stalin**

**DURHAM**, Saturday (Reuter). — British Health Minister Aneurin Bevan today verbally appealed to Marshal Stalin to "come once more to the Security Council" and ask North Korea to stop fighting.

Mr. Bevan told a miners' rally here that war was certain unless the nations stood by their international obligations to the leaders of Communist Russia he said: "Are you really serving the interests of the working class people all over the world by making yourself the guilty parties in another international conflict?"

"I say to the Communists: Do not hold your peace conferences in London. We do not need them. There is no one in the working class here who wants war. (A conference of the 'British Peace Committee' began here today.) Address your demands to the Kremlin and ask them now to cooperate with the rest of the world in preventing war."

**New Defence Positions South of Taejon where Attack Awaited**

**KOREA**, Saturday (Reuter). — American troops today dug into new defence positions a few miles outside the smouldering ruins of Taejon on the western front and waited tensely for an expected Northern attack.

**2,000 Ton Sloop is French Contribution**

**SAIGON**, Saturday (AP). — The 2,000 ton French sloop, La Grandiere, left today to join the U.N. forces in Korean waters.

**Volunteer Legion Denied by Lie**

**LAKE SUCCESS**, Saturday. — (Reuter). — U.N. Secretary General, Trygve Lie, disclosed today that nine countries had so far responded to his appeal for aid to Korea but none offered ground forces.

The story that the secretariat was secretly organizing a volunteer army had "not a word of truth in it," Mr. Lie said. He added that the whole question of an international volunteer legion was a matter for the unified command and the Security Council.

1) The Philippines Government said it would allow its nationals to volunteer for service with the Korean forces but "no safeguard national defence — no government troops would be sent."

2) Norway said she could send no troops but offered shipping space.

3) Denmark offered no direct military assistance but said she was prepared to give one Danish Red Cross ambulance unit.

4) Sweden said she could not send military aid but offered to equip and pay for a Swedish field hospital.

5) Peru made no offer of military aid but announced her willingness to enter into bilateral negotiations with the unified command concerning other types of assistance.

6) Argentina made an announcement similar to Peru's.

7) France placed at the U.N. disposal one ship, the 1,900-ton sloop La Grandiere, already in the Far East.

8) Brazil offered to enter into negotiations about all aid within her means.

9) Greece said she would send no troops but offered to contribute six transport planes.

Mr. Lie said it was "too premature" to pass judgment on whether the U.N. appeal was a success or failure.

**Island Near Formosa Reported Shelled**

**FORMOSA**, Saturday (Reuter). — Communists on an island off the China coast have sent 180 rounds of artillery fire into the Nationalist-held island of Kinmen, the Nationalist Ministry of National Defence said here today.

Kinmen Island is a few miles off the mainland in the bay which contains the South China port of Amoy.

General MacArthur announced today that the town, 40 kms. north of the Peking beachhead established by the Americans after an amphibious landing four days ago, fell yesterday morning after a 30-minute ground attack.

U.S. Rear Admiral J.H. Higgins, commanding the combined naval task force which kept up a steady barrage 1,000 yards ahead of units of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division, sent this signal to the British Commander, Rear Admiral W.G. Andrews: "Highest praise for Admiral Andrews and his fast-firing crew."

**U.S. General Dean Listed as Missing**  
WASHINGTON, Saturday. — (Reuter). — The U.S. army today officially listed Major-General William F. Dean, Commanding General of the 24th Division, as missing in action in Korea.

Confirmation that the General was missing came in a message from General MacArthur which said General Dean's interpreter, who had been with him in Taejon, indicated that the General was wounded. The General had personally led the vain effort to hold the city of Taejon.

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**French Legion Saves 300 Partisans**  
SAIGON, Saturday (Reuter). — Troops of the French Foreign Legion supported by Moroccan and Vietnamese units today relieved an important group of Vietnamese partisans surrounded by Viet-minh guerrillas on Moos peninsula, Cochinchina, according to usually reliable French military sources.

The rescued partisans totalled more than 300.

**U.S. Food Supplies Not Affected**  
WASHINGTON, Saturday. — President Truman and the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Charles Brannan, have been saying to the American public — that price rises and hoarding were uncalled for.

In a special food report, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics said also that food prices were unlikely to rise this year more than three or four per cent above the July level and the year's retail average should be about the same as that of 1949.

The Bureau sought in its report to drive home what

Between six and eight people were killed and scores injured by a cyclone which swept through the industrial area of Calcutta, India, Saturday.

Belgian Socialists gathered in Brussels' Martyrs' Square last night to mark the 10th anniversary of the Belgian Revolution.

Eight paravans of 250 persons, formerly of Lydda and Jaffa, arrived in Heliopolis on Friday from Gaza. "Palestine" reported yesterday. The paravans stole across Israel territory.

A U.S. paratrooper, who dropped from an unidentified plane in the desert in the Canal Zone area on Thursday, was arrested by Egyptian troops. He was later handed over to Egyptian Army Headquarters in Cairo. It was said

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